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MARY - LUCILE HOSTING

BESS - KATHERINE CARD

JERRY - JOHNNY LARKIN

MAJOR HALL - PERCY HEMUS

SOUNDREMARKS

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16. schoolma'am, some exciting news ... about how Jim and his
17. assistant, Jerry Quick, left the Station early in the
18. morning with Major Hall of the United States Army and
19. ... well, here's Bess and Mary.

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21. forest all day checking possible locations. I do hope
22. the Major finds the sort of area he's looking for.

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MARY: They've enjoyed it though, I know. Jerry was excited as could be after that last trip. But the meanie wouldn't tell me a bless thing, about it.

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6. was thinking was that the folks in Winding Creek will
7. really have to do something about making the soldiers
8. feel at home when they come here.

9. BESS: Winding Creek folks have never been backward about their
10. hospitality, Mary. But I don't believe we should worry
11. about that quite yet. It's entirely possible they won't
12. find the kind of area on the Pine Cone that they want for
13. their maneuvers.

14. JERRY: This is one of the two areas Jim and I located after the party
15. of officers was here last week, Major. It's the best bet, I
16. think.

17. MARY: (CHUCKLING) You two must have had your hands full with those
18. boys. Several branches of the Service were represented, I
19. take it.

20. JERRY: Yes sir. And each one was looking for different things,
21. according to the needs of his particular branch, of course.
22. They were all fine men, Major. It's just that, well, it's
23. gonna be difficult to turn up an area here that has
24. everything they want.

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1. MARY: Well, I'm sure Mr. Robbins will find a place that is
2. suitable if anybody can.

3. BESS: My, you have splendid faith in my husband, don't you, Mary?

4. MARY: Of course I do, Mrs. Robbins. And so do you.... Say, when do
5. you expect Mr. Robbins and Jerry back here with some news?

6. BESS: Not before suppertime, I guess. Settling on a location for an
7. Army training place is no small matter (FADE) after all, my
8. dear.

9. PAUSE

10. JIM: (FADING IN) Well, what do you think about this area, Major?
11. We get a pretty good view of the whole layout from this ridge
12. top, as you can see.

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you expect Mr. Robbins and Jerry back here with some news?

Not until tomorrow, I guess. Nothing on a local level.

Not until they have a real victory celebration.

Good.

(PAUSE) Well, what do you think about this area, Major?

It's a pretty good view of the whole island from this

top, as you can see.

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According to the needs of his particular branch, of course.

They were all fine men, Major. It's just that, well, it's

just a little bit of a mess here and there.

Nothing to worry about.

Well, I'm sure it's all right now.

1. JIM: Uh huh....I reckon there's room off there to the west for a
 2. rifle range. See?

3. HALL: Yes, I think you're O. K. on that.

4. JERRY: Yeah, and we kinda figured all that level area directly
 5. below us would make a swell place to set up camp. What about
 6. that, sir?

7. HALL: Hmmm..Looks good so far. And of course these mountains and
 8. the forest all around will give us the cover and distance
 9. we'll need for maneuvers.

10. JIM: Yep. And at the same time I reckon this area is as convenient
 11. to transportation facilities, roads and the like, as any we
 12. could find in the forest.

13. HALL: Is there sufficient water there, Mr. Robbins?

14. JIM: Yes sir. A good stream, Major.

15. HALL: Good. It looks like this area ought to shape up splendidly.
 16. Let's see now. There's just one other thing.....

17. JERRY: What's that, Major? Doesn't that cover about everything the
 18. other men were looking for.

19. HALL: No, not quite, Jerry. It was recently decided that we ought
 20. to include a small landing field for aircraft. So as to give
 21. us a chance to get in some more ticks at mountain flying, you
 22. know.

23. JIM: That means another level spot doesn't it, Major?

24. HALL: Yes, but...look....down there to the Northeast. That clump of
 25. pines there. Nice level run there. We could clear those trees
 and have a small airfield, I think.

Um huh... I reckon there's room for the tent for a

little longer. Yes?

Yes, I think you're O. K. on that.

Yeah, and we kinda figured all that level was directly

below us would make a small place to set up camp. That's

that, ain't it?

Yeah, looks good so far. And it covers these mountains and

the forest. All around will give us the cover and distance

we'll need for ourselves.

Yeah, and at the same time I reckon this area is as level as

to make a good campsite, woods and the like, a lot of

good land in the forest.

Is there anything else you want, Mr. Robinson?

Yes sir. A good stream, maybe.

Good. Is there like this area ought to be as good as

let's see now. There's just one other thing....

Yeah, that's right. There's that cover about everywhere

other not very looking for.

Is, not really, huh? Is not really, huh? Is not really, huh?

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us a chance to get in some more like of mountain flying, you

know.

That's what I mean. I mean you don't want to

let it be, huh? Is not really, huh? Is not really, huh?

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and have a small airstrip, I think.

1. JERRY: Holy smoke. Not that place, Major.

2. HALL: Huh? Why not, Jerry?

3. JIM: I...I was going to tell you about those pines, Major Hall. I
4. hate for anyone to cut those trees down now. They'...they're
5. well, that's a kinda special area.

6. HALL: I don't understand. It's naturally expected that we'll have to
7. do some clearing to establish a camp in the forest and....

8. JIM: You see, Major. That's our Memorial Pine Grove.

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John: I was going to tell you about those places, Major Hall.

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John: Why not, Jimmy?

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I... I was going to tell you about those places, Major Hall.

Make for anyone to see those places down near there.

Well, that's a kinda special area.

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I don't understand. It's usually supposed that we'll have

to some extent to establish a base in the forest and...

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You see, John. That's our Memorial Fine Grove.

1. JERRY: That's right, Major. Those pine trees are kinda special,
 2. like Jim says. They're sort of nice fast growing pines
 3. for one thing, but more than that, every one of those trees
 4. was planted in memory of some Forest Service man or CCC boy
 5. who lost his life in the service of his country.

6. JIM: I was hoping we could leave that Grove untouched near the
 7. camp. I kinda figured it might even be a source of inspiration
 8. to the lads who might be quartered down there.

9. HALL: Fast growing pines...Memorial Grove...Well, Jim, I hardly
 10. know what to say. This area, of course, really meets all
 11. our requirements and it's important that we don't delay any
 12. longer than we have to.

13. JIM: I understand.

14. JERRY: Major, there's an airfield several miles north of here. One
 15. of the emergency fields the CCC built for our Forest Service
 16. patrol planes. Couldn't that be used to.....

17. JIM: Jerry, I reckon it's not fair for us to put the Major on
 18. a spot like this. He's got his job to do. This is war, you
 19. know, and the boys those trees are a memorial to...they
 20. wouldn't want us to stand in the way of anything that'd help
 21. in the war, I reckon.

22. HALL: Thank you, Ranger Jim. You're all right. Perhaps our men
 23. could help you establish a new Memorial Grove somewhere else
 24. in the forest.

25. JERRY: But some of those pines were planted nearly 25 years ago, right
 after the last war, Major.

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...like Jim says. They're sort of nice fast growing pines
...for one thing, they grow fast, every one of them ...
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1. JIM: Forget it, Jerry.

2. HALL: Well, I guess that's all we can do here for the moment. I've
3. got to make my report to Headquarters as soon as possible.

4. JERRY: Gosh, this'll sure make Mrs . Robbins feel bad.

5. JIM: Jerry, I said forget it...Don't mind him, Major.

6. HALL: What about Mrs. Robbins, Jerry?

7. JERRY: She planted one of those trees herself down there, Major.
8. For her and Ranger Jim's boy, David. He was killed in the
9. last (FADE) war, you see.

10. PAUSE

11. FADE IN SOUND OF EATING UTENSILS

12. JIM: Bess, you've had hardly a thing to eat. That's no good.

13. BESS: I'm not very hungry, Jim.

14. JIM: Bess, you shouldn't take this so hard.

15. MARY: We didn't think that things would take such a turn when
16. Mrs. Robbins and I were talking about the camp this afternoon,
17. Jerry.

18. JERRY: Yeah, I know.

19. JIM: Look, Bess. The Major said some of the soldier lads could
20. help us set up a new Memorial grove. I think that's a fine
21. idea, at that.

22. BESS: Isn't there some other level piece of ground there in the
23. area, Jim, that they can use for an airfield? There must be,
24. Jim, there must be

25.

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JIM: I'm afraid not, Bess. That one piece of ground's all that's left after....

JERRY: I suggested that they use our emergency field for landing planes but I'm afraid it's too far off.

CHAIR SCRAPES BACK

BESS: If...if you'll all please excuse me, I think I'll go upstairs and lie down a bit. I have a dreadful headache and... well...just leave the dishes. I'll do them later.

MARY: Can't I get something for you, Mrs. Robbins?

JIM: Bess, listen to me.....

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CHAIN SCRAPES BACK

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Yes, I mean to me.....

1. SOUND OF KNOCK ON DOOR

2. JERRY: Someone's at the door, Jim. I'll go see who it is.

3. JIM: Wait a minute, Bess.

4. CHAIR BACK, FOOTSTEPS, DOOR OPENS

5. JERRY: Well, it's Major Hall. Hello, Major.

6. HALL: Hello, Jerry. Is Ranger Robbins here? Yes, I see he is.

7. Hello, Jim.

8. DOOR CLOSSES

9. JIM: Howdy, Major. You've met my wife. This is Miss Holloway here.

10. MAJOR: Hello, everybody.

11. MARY: How do you do.

12. MAJOR: I hate to break in on you while your eating....

13. JIM: Not at all. C'mon, pull up a chair and have supper with us.

14. MAJOR: No, thank you, Jim. I've already eaten. I just thought you'd
15. be interested in knowing what happened after I left you earlier
16. this evening.

17. JERRY: That area we looked at is O. K. for the camp?

18. MARY: Is that it, Major Hall?

19. HALL: Yes, I believe that area will be approved.

20. BESS: I...I was about to leave when you came in, Major. If you'll
21. excuse me...

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25. MARY: Please, Major....

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2. JERRY: What's that?

3. HALL: That's correct. You see, I was inclined to agree all along

4. with Jim and Jerry that those pines shouldn't be cut down...

5. but now, it appears, another reason has been brought forward

6. for retaining the grove as it stands.

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10. Unit. The officer in charge has heard about your fast-growing

11. pines, Jim, and he was dead set against having them cut. In

12. fact, Jim, he hopes you'll find time to work with him. Trees

13. and shrubs count heavily in camouflage work, you know. Well,

14. that's about it...

15. JIM: (CLEARS THROAT) Major, it was doggoned nice of you to take the

16. trouble to come up here and...

17. MAJOR: Skip it, Jim. I'll see you shortly. There's a lot more work

18. we'll be calling upon you and Jerry to do in the near future..

19. For the time being, I'll just say so-long, and thanks for your

20. help....

21. BESS: (BROKENLY) Major Hall..isn't..isn't there some way we can repay

22. you for your..your interest and kindness? I'm sure you must have

23. had a lot to do yourself with saving our Memorial Pines...

24. HALL: Well, ma'am, I don't think you owe me any thanks, but since you

25. put it the way you did..there is something I would appreciate...
very much.

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3. in your Memorial Grove for Lieutenant Albert R. Hall, who lost
4. his life in action in the Pacific.....He..well..he wasn't a
5. Forest Service man, of course, but he did love trees and....yes,
6. he was my son...

7. PAUSE

8. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the
9. National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with the
10. cooperation of the Forest Service, United States Department of
11. Agriculture.
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